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SUBJECT: AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION (ASTA) INVITATION
FOR GOI AGRICULTURAL SECTOR OFFICIALS TO VISIT U.S.

REF: LETTER: ASTA (UNDERWOOD) TO ROBINS DATED MAY 3, 1977
(NOTAL)

1. USINT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION (ASTA) INCLUDING AN INVITATION FOR THREE GOI OFFICIALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TO VISIT THE U.S. FOR A STUDY TOUR OF U.S. SEED INDUSTRY. ALL EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, ARE TO BE PAID BY ASTA. USINT WELCOMES THIS INVITATION AND HAD PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED SUCH A VISIT IN ITS APPROVAL OF ASTA'S FY-1977 COUNTRY MARKETING PLAN. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF THE LETTER OF INVITATION AND RECOMMEND THAT USINT CONVEY THIS INVITATION TO THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES VIA GOI FONMIN.

2. THE SECOND PARAGRAPH AND ITS SUBPARAGRAPH 4 REFER TO "JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF ASTA AND USDA." USINT
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RECOMMENDS THAT REFERENCE TO USDA SPONSORSHIP BE DELETED FROM BOTH PARAGRAPHS. AS THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, WE BELIEVE THE INVITATION WILL BE RECEIVED MORE FAVORABLY BY THE IRAQI SIDE IF IT IS PRESENTED AS COMING FROM ASTA EXCLUSIVELY. THE REFERENCE TO A BRIEFING SESSION WITH USDA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD ALSO BE DELETED.

ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE GOI OFFICIALS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO MEET WITH SOME USDA PERSONNEL DURING THE VISIT, THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED VERBALLY AT A LATER DATE. THE REVISED LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM, KHULLANI SQUARE, BAGHDAD, IRAQ, AND SHOULD BE AIR POUCHED TO USINT. AS SOME OF THE GOI OFFICIALS WHOM ASTA WISHES TO INVITE ARE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL RANK, USINT PREFERS TO TRANSMIT THE LETTER TO GOI FONMIN BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

3. USINT WILL FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATE DETAILS WITH GOI.

4. USDA/FAS REQUESTED TO PASS ABOVE COMMENTS TO ASTA.

5. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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